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New List Identifies People Who Are Now Unlicensed To Perform Or Offer Licensed Services In Several Texas Cities

Complete TDLR list available online

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation has released the newest list of people who are no longer authorized to perform or offer to perform licensed services in Texas.

The orders represent actions taken since June by TDLR's Executive Director, Brian Francis, and the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation to safeguard consumers and protect public health and safety.

Among the types of violations that would cause a license to be revoked or that would cause TDLR to issue a cease and desist order or a permanent injunction: engaging in fraudulent activity or being convicted of a criminal offense that directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation, performing services without having the appropriate license or making false statements to obtain a license.

The individuals or businesses in the cities listed below are not authorized to perform, or offer to perform, licensed services in Texas. Please see https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/safeguardingconsumers.htm for additional details on each action.

Licenses Revoked

License Type	City
Air Conditioning & Refrigeration	Harlingen, Houston, San Antonio, Tyler, Weslaco
Barbers	Arlington, Brownsville, Houston, Weslaco
Combative Sports	Dallas, Grand Prairie, Roma
Cosmetology	Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Richardson, San Antonio
Electrical	Austin, Conroe, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston,
	Monahans, Odessa, Sargent, The Woodlands
Massage Therapy	Alief, Allen, Humble, Plano, Richardson
Property Tax Consultants	Laredo
Tow Operator	Mesquite, Plano, San Antonio
Used Auto Parts Recyclers	Victoria

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Vehicle Storage Facility	Houston
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Cease and Desist Orders

License Type	City
Air Conditioning & Refrigeration	Round Rock, San Antonio
Electrical	El Paso, Houston, Humble, San Antonio, Santa Fe
Transportation Network Company	McAllen

Permanent Revocations

License Type	City
Cosmetology	Dallas
Massage Therapy	Bedford

Permanent Injunctions

License Type	City
Electrical	Spring

"People working in professions and industries without the proper license can pose a risk to your health, your safety, and your wallet. TDLR provides the Safeguarding Consumers webpage as one way to help ensure the safety of consumers – and to protect small businesses that are complying with state laws. Before you hire someone, always check with TDLR first to make sure that person is licensed," Francis said.

TDLR maintains a public list so that consumers can protect themselves against using unlicensed work activities. To see ALL violations, including license revocations, suspensions, and fines, search TDLR's Administrative Orders database (https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/cimsfo/fosearch.asp).

To report unlicensed activity, file a complaint online: https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/complaints/.

About TDLR

TDLR provides regulatory oversight for a broad range of occupations, businesses, facilities, and equipment in Texas. The agency protects the health and safety of Texans by ensuring they are served by qualified, licensed professionals. Inspections of individuals, businesses, and equipment are done on a regular basis to safeguard the public. Currently, the agency regulates 38 business and occupational licensing programs with more than 1,000,000 licensees across the state.

Visit TDLR's <u>website</u> for more information and resources. You can search the <u>TDLR licensee database</u>, and also find <u>past violations</u> in which a final order was issued against companies or individuals. TDLR's Customer Service line is available anytime between 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 1-800-803-9202. TDLR representatives are fluent in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Mandarin.

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